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Topic: 2026–2027 and 2027–2028 School Calendar

Submitted by: Dr. Tamela Horton, Deputy Superintendent of Academics

Approved for Transmittal: 

Board Meeting Date: 12/11/2025

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve one of the two proposed school calendar options for the 2026–2027 and 2027–2028 school years. The District Calendar Committee, comprised of teachers, campus principals, and district support staff, developed both options to ensure alignment with state requirements and district goals. Each option reflects thoughtful consideration of instructional priorities, professional learning needs, holidays, community feedback, and survey data collected during the review process.

Approval of one of the two options will allow the district to move forward with planning and communication for students, families, and staff.

Rationale:

The development of a district calendar is essential to effective instructional planning and operational alignment, influencing instructional continuity, student outcomes, professional learning, and family engagement. At the last Board meeting, draft calendars for the 2026–2027 and 2027–2028 school years were presented for review. Following that presentation, the district collected survey data from staff and parents to understand their preferences between the two options. Presenting these options for final approval ensures transparency, reflects stakeholder input, and supports timely planning that promotes high-quality instruction and the well-being of students and staff.

Budget Information:

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

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